



2015 Supplemental Report: King County Juvenile Detention

Introduction

Count Us In is King County's annual effort to count youth and young adults (YYA) ages 12-25 who are homeless or unstably housed. On January 22, 2015, King County held its fifth annual Count Us In, which found that 824 youth and young adults were homeless or unstably housed.¹

Efforts to improve the count are made each year; while the inaugural year had eight partner locations, just five years later it has grown to 71. Our community's commitment to this issue is strong.

One of these new partners in 2015 was King County Juvenile Detention. While young people who were surveyed in detention were not homeless or unstably housed for Count Us In, we recognize that young people who are incarcerated often have a history of housing instability. Three supplemental questions were included for the surveys administered at detention; collection of these data presents an opportunity to identify the housing trends and needs of youth in detention.²

Findings

54 surveys were completed by youth at detention on January 22, 2015. The following section provides data from these surveys, including a comparison between all youth surveyed at detention and the subset of youth (n=26) who identified that they had a history of housing instability.

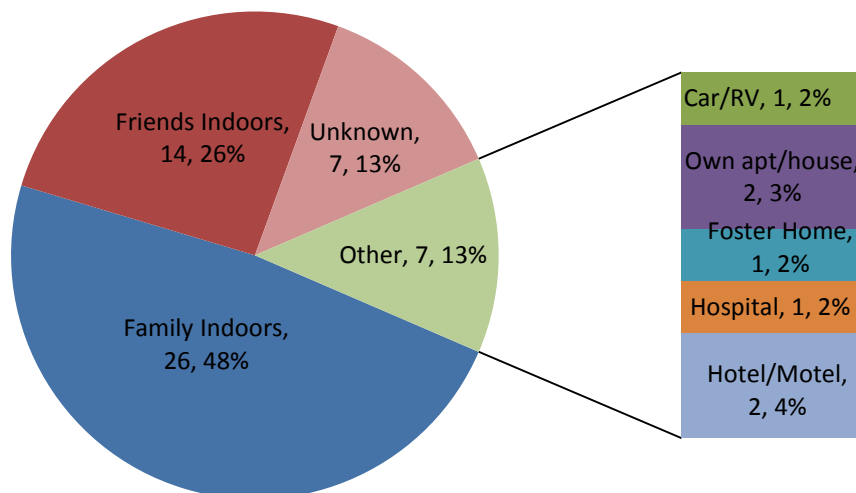


¹ The full Count Us In report can be accessed on the Homeless Youth and Young Adult Initiative website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/youthhomelessness>

² The supplemental questions included for Count Us In surveys administered at King County Juvenile Detention are included in Appendix A.

54 youth were surveyed in King County Juvenile Detention on January 22, 2015		26 of the youth surveyed reported having a history of housing instability	
85% (46) male 9% (5) female 6% (3) missing		77% (20) male 15% (4) female 8% (2) missing	
4% (2) age 13 13% (7) age 14 38% (21) age 15 20% (11) age 16 24% (13) age 17		12% (3) age 14 50% (13) age 15 23% (6) age 16 15% (4) age 17	
69% (37) were youth of color <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43%(23) African American • 7% (4) Caucasian/White • 2% (1) Asian • 4% (2) American Indian/ Alaska Native • 20% (11) Multiracial • 24% (13) Unknown/Missing 		61% (16) were youth of color <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42%(11) African American • 8% (2) Caucasian/White • 4% (1) Asian • 4% (1) American Indian/ Alaska Native • 11% (3) Multiracial • 31% (8) Unknown/Missing 	
17% (9) Hispanic 33% (18) non-Hispanic 50% (27) missing		19% (5) Hispanic 42% (11) non-Hispanic 39% (10) missing	
54% (29) were attending school before going to detention; 29% (16) were not attending school before going to detention; (data missing for 9 YYA)		42% (11) were attending school before going to detention; 39% (10) were not attending school before going to detention; (data missing for 5 YYA)	
Last grade completed for 54 YYA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52% (28) 8th grade or below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (3) 6th grade ○ (5) 7th grade ○ (20) 8th grade • 42% (23) some high school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (12) 9th grade ○ (8) 10th grade ○ (3) 11th grade • 2% (1) graduated high school • 4% (2) unknown/missing 		Last grade completed for 26 YYA with history of housing instability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66% (17) 8th grade or below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (3) 6th grade ○ (3) 7th grade ○ (11) 8th grade • 34% (9) some high school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (5) 9th grade ○ (4) 10th grade 	

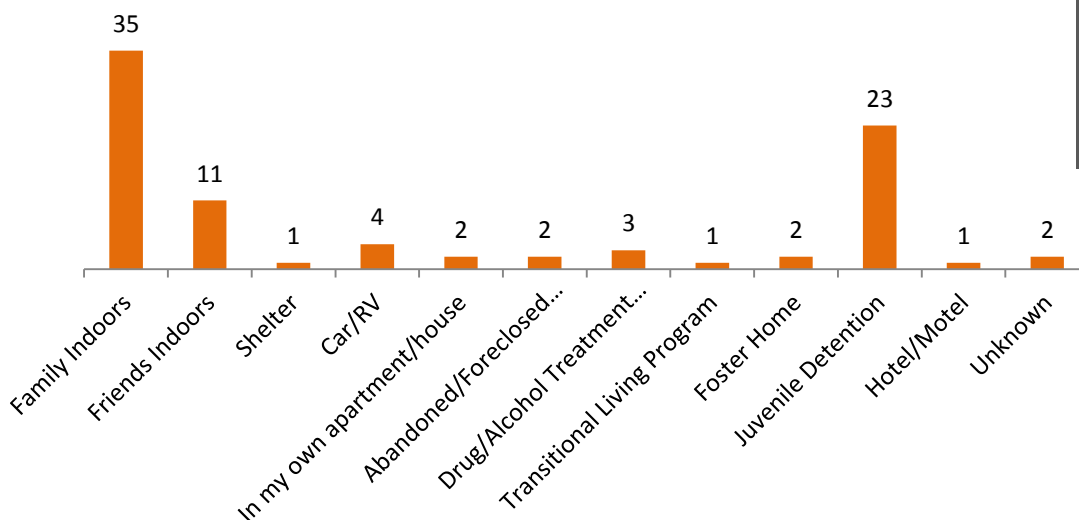
Where Youth Stayed the Night Before Going to Detention (n=54)



48% (26) of youth stayed with family the night before they went to detention.

21% (11) of youth stayed in an unknown or unstable location (car/RV, hospital, hotel/motel) on the night before they went to detention.

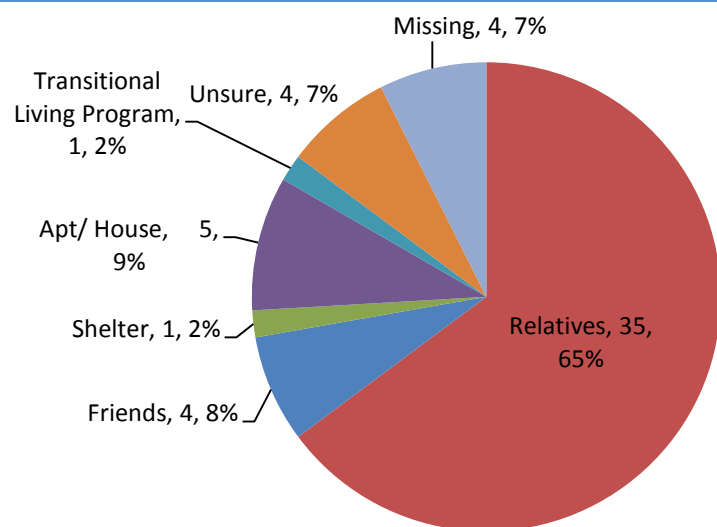
Where Youth Have Stayed During the Three Months Prior to Count Us In (n=52)



13% (7) of youth at juvenile detention have stayed in three or more places during the three months prior to Count Us In.

67% (35) of YYA at juvenile detention have stayed with a family member at some point during this time period.

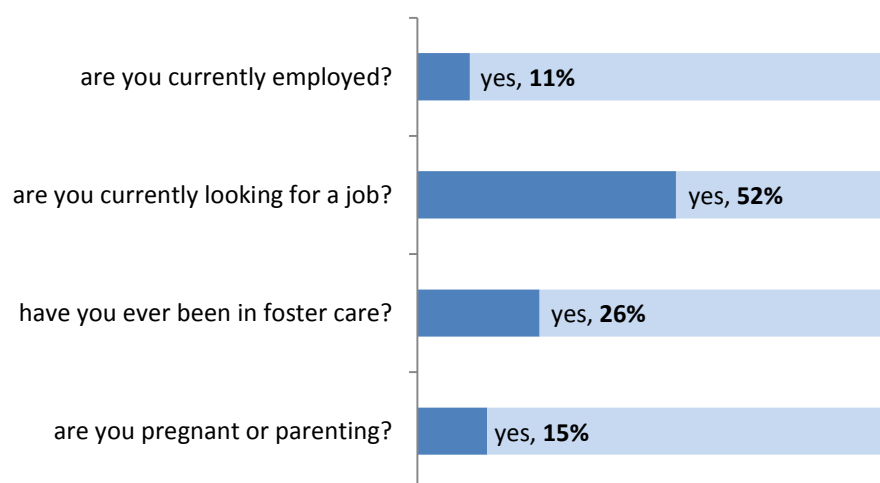
Housing Plans After Release for youth in Juvenile Detention (n=54)



65% (35) of YYA in detention plan to live with their parent(s) or another relative after they are released from detention. **7% (4) didn't know where they would stay.**

Of the 26 YYA with a history of housing instability, **58% (15) identified that they would live with their parent(s) or another family member upon release.**

Additional Characteristics of Youth in Detention (n=54)



1 in 4 YYA at detention has a history of foster care

- A. Count Us In 2015 Survey
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Youth & Young Adult (age 12 – 25)

Survey ID: _____

Housing Survey

Have you already taken this survey today? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Age: _____

Zip code of last permanent address: _____

Which of the following best represents how you think of your gender? (check all that apply):

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender ☐ Gender-queer ☐ Gender non-conforming ☐ Other

Race (check all that apply):

☐ American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ African American/ Black
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Caucasian/White ☐ Other

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic ☐ Non-Hispanic

Which of the following best represents how you think of your sexual orientation?:

☐ Straight ☐ Lesbian or Gay ☐ Bisexual ☐ Queer ☐ I don't know/questioning ☐ Refused

Where did you stay last night? (Check One)

☐ With my parent(s) indoors ☐ In my own apartment/house ☐ Foster home
☐ With my friend(s) indoors ☐ Abandoned/foreclosed building/squat ☐ Jail/juv detention
☐ With my relative(s) indoors ☐ Drug/alcohol treatment center ☐ Hospital
☐ Shelter ☐ Transitional Living Program ☐ Hotel/motel
☐ Car/RV ☐ Outside/Tent
☐ Other: _____

Can you live where you stayed last night for the next month? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I Don't Know

Where did you live in the last 3 months? (Check all that apply)

☐ With my parent(s) indoors ☐ In my own apartment/house ☐ Foster home
☐ With my friend(s) indoors ☐ Abandoned/foreclosed building/squat ☐ Jail/juv detention
☐ With my relative(s) indoors ☐ Drug/alcohol treatment center ☐ Hospital
☐ Shelter ☐ Transitional living program ☐ Hotel/motel
☐ Car/RV ☐ Outside/Tent
☐ Other: _____

Has there been a time in the past when you didn't know where you would be sleeping at night? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What is the last grade you completed? _____

Are you currently enrolled in school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a job?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently looking for a job?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been in foster care?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been to detention or jail?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you pregnant or parenting?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you don't have anywhere to sleep tonight, ask the staff to give you the **green** piece of paper.
 Thank you for filling out this survey!



Count Us In at Juvenile Detention Supplemental Questions

Were you attending school before coming to detention? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where did you stay on the last night before you came to detention? (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> With my parent(s) indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> In my own apartment/house | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With my friend(s) indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned/foreclosed building/squat | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With my relative(s) indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/alcohol treatment center | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional living program | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside/Tent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car/RV | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

Where do you plan to stay when you are released back to the community? (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> With my parent(s) indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> In my own apartment/house | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With my friend(s) indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned/foreclosed building/squat | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With my relative(s) indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/alcohol treatment center | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional living program | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside/Tent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car/RV | | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

Definitions and Terminology

History of Instability	YYA who reported that there has been a time in the past when they didn't know where they would be sleeping at night.
YYA in Juvenile Detention	Youth and young adults in King County Juvenile Detention who completed the Count Us In survey on January 22, 2015. Data was analyzed for those who identified that they had a history of housing instability.
YYA	Youth and Young Adults